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SUBJECT: JUNTA DEMOCRATA HOLDS PRESS CONFERENCE

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1. PRESS CONFERENCE OF PCE SECRETARY GENERAL SANTIAGO CARRILLO, RAFAEL CALVO SERER, AND JOSE VIDAL BENEYTO TOOK GENERAL DIRECTION CALVO DESCRIBED TO AMBASSADOR JOVA JUNE 6 (SEE REF).

2. BENEYTO READ FOLLOWING STATEMENT OF PRESIDENT ECHEVERRIA:

" AFTER THE FULL AND CORDIAL CONVERSATION WE HAVE HAD, I WANT TO EXPRESS TO YOU ALL THE UNDERSTANDING, SYMPATHY AND SOLIDARITY OF THE MEXICAN GOVERNMENT AND PEOPLE FOR THE SPANISH DEMOCRATIC MOVEMENT WHICH THE JUNTAS DEMOCRATAS OF SPAIN REPRESENT."

3. CARRILLO TOOK CENTER STAGE AND MADE FOLLOWING KEY POINTS:

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A) PORTUGAL DEMONSTRATED TRANSITION FROM FASCIST DICTATORSHIP TO DEMOCRACY WITHOUT CIVIL WAR WAS POSSIBLE.

B) STRIKES AND A POPULAR MOVEMENT WERE THE PROPER ALTERNATIVES TO INFANTILE TACTICS SUCH AS TERRORISM;

C) FRANCO HAD BECOME OBSTACLE EVEN TO HIS SUPPORTERS IF HE DID NOT DIE SOON, HE WOULD BE REMOVED BY THE JEFATURA DEL ESTADO;

D) PRINCE JUAN CARLOS COULD NOT BE KING EVEN IF SPANISH PEOPLE VOTED TO RETAIN MONARCHY SINCE HIS FATHER HAD PRIOR CLAIM;

E) "THE LIQUIDATION" OF THE FRANCO-JUAN CARLOS REGIME WAS THE FIRST OBJECTIVE; SECOND OBJECTIVE WAS CREATION OF A PROVISIONAL GOVERNMENT OF ALL POLITICAL FACTIONS TO SUPERVISE A PLEBISCITE; AND

F) THE JUNTA DEMOCRATA WAS AWARE THAT THE SPANISH CHRISTIAN DEMOCRATS AND THE SPANISH SOCIALIST WORKERS PARTY (PSOE) MIGHT COOPERATE IN OPPOSITION TO THE JUNTA; HOWEVER THE TWO GROUPS MAINTAINED A CLOSE DIALOGUE.

COMMENT: CALVO GOT SCANT MENTION IN PRESS COVERAGE FEATURING PHOTOGRAPHS AND QUOTATIONS OF CARRILLO, A MICROCOSMIC LESSON OF DANGERS OF COOPERATING WITH COMMUNISTS, A POINT AMBASSADOR JOVA INTENDS TO MAKE OVER DRINKS WITH CALVO.
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